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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office having a date of October 15, 2009, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until January 15, 2009.

This response is being filed by the initial due date for response, whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be required to maintain the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time and/or any fee is required to maintain the pendency of the application, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.